

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)		
		:	Examiner: P. Tran	n
HIROSHI KAJIWARA ET AL.)		
		:	Group Art Unit: 2621	
Application No.: 09/730,389)		
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants elect to proceed initially with prosecution of the Species of Embodiment 3, readable on Claims 9-12 and 15, and shown in Figs 10-12.

An early and favorable examination of those claims on their merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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